

## A New Home



A male snowy owl known as "Mr. Green" was released on Duxbury Beach last week.

*Photo by Michael Allison*

Duxbury Clipper, Wednesday, December 11, 1996



Norman Smith of the Trailside Museum in Milton released a snowy owl on Duxbury Beach last Wednesday. The bird spent 2 years under the care of veterinarians at the Tufts University Wildlife Center in Grafton. Flight and tail feathers were burned when it was perched on a smokestack in Worcester and hot steam caused an injury. The owl proceeded to walk into a downtown storefront and the owners called Audubon offices who picked up the bird for treatment. The male bird was labeled with a green mark on its neck to enable bird watchers track its path. When released in the wild, the bird, known as Mr. Green, flew 100 yards, landed in a salt marsh and then took off again. Another female snowy owl was spotted in the same area near High Pines and if migratory patterns are followed, the birds will migrate back to the Arctic area in 4 months, according to Audubon Coastal Bird specialist Scott Hecker.